Awareness and extension centres for poultry

1994. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce regulatory measures to govern the health of poultry livestock to prevent from spread of diseases;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to launch an awareness programme in the poultry sector;

(c) whether more poultry research institutes and extension centres would be established to improve the quality of poultry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to finance and assist small and marginal farmers to develop and sustain poultry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) In the background of the occurrence of bird flu in certain parts of the country, the Government looked at a possible regulatory framework to keep poultry healthy and to prevent spread of diseases. However, there is no specific proposal in this regard at the present juncture.

(b) The awareness campaign in regard to the poultry sector is an ongoing activity.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) The 'Dairy/Poultry Venture Capital Fund' provides financial assistance to individuals interested in taking up poultry farming. The Central Poultry Development Organisations also provide training to farmers in various aspects of poultry farming.

Subsidy for sugar cultivation

1995. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar cultivation in Karnataka is facing setbacks this season owing to unprecedented slump in the price of sugar from Rs. 1600 per quintal to Rs. 1200 per quintal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether under similar circumstances in the past, Government extended support in the form of buffer stock subsidy, export subsidy, etc., to the affected States;

(d) if so, the details of such support extended by the Centre to different States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;